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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ET SU SO OUA

SUBJECT: SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL COMMENTS ON HORN AND
OTHER ISSUES

SUMMARY: EFFORT TO MEDIATE SUDANESE-ETHIOPIAN QUARREL
REPORTEDLY BEING PLANNED AT CURRENT OAU SESSION. ENS SUMMARY.

1. DURING COURSE OF OAU MINISTERIAL SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO
SENEGAL ASKED FOR OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS HORN WITH EMBOFF AND
PROVED EXCEPTIONALLY WELL INFORMED ON EVENTS IN THAT AREA.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, CAMEROON, TANZANIA, GHANA AND
ONE OTHER STATE ARE CONSIDERING MEDIATION EFFORT BETWEEN
ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN TO TKE PLACE IN YAOUNDE FOLLOWING
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OAU SUMMIT. MAJOR PROBLEM EXISTS HOWEVER IN THAT QUESTION
STILL UNANSWERED AS TO WHO WILL LEAD SUDANESE DELEGATION.
IN THIS CONNECTION , AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED SOME UNHAPPINESS
OVER WEAKNESS TO DATE OF LOW LEVEL SUDANESE
DELEGATION AT OAU CM WHICH PLAYING LOW KEY ROLE. HE
EXPRESSED VIEW IT THUS UNLIKELY SUDANESE DELEGATION WOULD
PLAY AGGRESSIVE ROLE ON SUCH ISSUES AS MOVING OAU HEADQUARTERS

(KHARTOUM 2094 NOTAL).

3. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT WHILE HORN NOT SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM, IT WOULD SURELY BE RAISED AND THAT DEBATE WOULD BE HEATED. WHEN ASKED WHY SIAD BARRE DID NOT NOW PLAN TO ATTEND DJIBOUTI INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES, HE EXPRESSED VIEW SIAD WISHED TO REMAIN IN MOGADISCIO BECAUSE OF EPMG "THREAT.

4. ON OTHER OAU ISSUES, AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT EFFORT IS AFOOT TO IMPORVE LIBYAN TUNISIAN RELATIONS. IN ADDITMION, HE SAID THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO (A) RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSING CREATION OF AFREICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND (B) RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DISCONTENT WITH CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA SINCE MANY STATES UNHAPPY OVER EXTENT OF CUBAN ACTIVITIES ON CONTINENT. PERHAPS REFLECTING SOMALI SYMPAHTIES, AMBASSADOR ALSO REMARKED THAT SOME UNHAPPINESS EXISTS OVER GABONESE REFUSAL TO ALLOW POLASARIO DELEGATION TO ENTER GABON. DRAWING COMPARISON TO RECENT ACTIONS BY BRITAIN RE UGANDA AT COMMONWEATLY CONFERENCE, HE STATED IT DANGEROUS PRECEDENT TO ALLOW HOST GOVERNEMNT RATHER THAN OAU TO DECIDE WHO COULD ATTEND.

5. COMMENT: IT UNCLEAR WHY AMBASSADOR SOUGHT OUT CONTACT. HIS RELIABILITY UNKNOWN, SO DAKAR OR
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MODADISCIO COMMENTS ON THIS POINT WOULD BE
APPRECIATED. STEIGMAN

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